

# MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

## LEELANAU COUNTY

This listing for Leelanau County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

### COUNTY-WIDE

#### **Volunteer Center of Northwest Michigan**

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#### **Program Description:**

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer.

Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Northwestern Michigan**

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#### **Program Description:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Northwestern Michigan works with caring individuals, service groups, businesses, and faith-based organizations to provide volunteer mentors to at-risk children. The youth come from predominantly single parent, low income households and are elementary, middle, and high school students. The programs include one-on-one and peer mentoring. All parties are carefully screened, trained, and monitored by professional case managers to ensure the best match and outcome possible. The community-based program operates in ten counties and the school-based program in 17 schools. Outcomes are regularly measured and the vast majority of children improve in academics, self confidence, behavior, and peer and adult relationships. The average length of a match is over two years. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a six month commitment, which involves four to six hours per month during day, evening, or weekend hours.

### **ExperienceSeniorPower.com**

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#### **Program Description:**

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

## COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

### **Michigan Youth Leadership Forum**

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### **Program Description:**

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.